

*Honoring*  
**RACHEL M. ARAGON**  
*On Her Retirement*

***WHEREAS,** Rachel M. Aragon, Tax Counsel III, in the Appeals Division of Headquarters Legal Department, retired on July 1, 2003, after ten years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Rachel began her career with the Board of Equalization as a Tax Counsel in July 1993 after working seventeen years as a Joint Court Administrator for Imperial County and two years as a Public Defender and in private practice; and*

***WHEREAS,** she began working in the Business Taxes Division of the Legal Department, then continued her work as Tax Counsel for the Appeals Division, and was promoted to Tax Counsel III in March 2003; and*

***WHEREAS,** Rachel has earned the respect and admiration of management, coworkers, taxpayers, and their representatives because of her knowledge of the Sales and Use Tax Law, appeals procedures, her writing and analytical skills, and her professionalism: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Rachel M. Aragon our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to her and her family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this ninth day of July 2003, by the State Board of Equalization.*

*Honoring*  
**MICHAEL SCHWANDER**

*On His Retirement*

*WHEREAS, Michael Schwander, Warehouse Manager I in Headquarters' Supply Unit, will retire on November 1, 2003, after more than thirty-four years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the Board of Equalization; and*

*WHEREAS, Mike began his career with the state in October 1969 as a Clerk I with the Department of Employment Development in Sacramento and, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, was later promoted to the position of Clerk II; and*

*WHEREAS, he advanced to a position of increased responsibility with his appointment to the Board of Equalization's Photostat Services Unit/Headquarters as a Photocopyist on October 31, 1971; and*

*WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, Mike advanced to the positions of Stock Clerk on August 10, 1976; Warehouse Worker on October 13, 1977; Materials and Stores Specialist on February 19, 1980; Material and Stores Supervisor I on February 1, 1990; and was appointed to the position of Warehouse Manager I on July 1, 2000; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Mike has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication: Therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Michael Schwander our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him and his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

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